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TO: Commissioner for Patents
 Examiner: Kathryn L. Thompson
 Group Art Unit: 3763

FROM: Kurt L. Grossman, Esq.

DATE: May 28, 2004

RE: Serial No. 09/978,457
Safety Intravenous Catheter
 Our Ref.: MDXVA-33DV-114

FAX NO.: 1-703-872-9306

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MESSAGE/COMMENTS:

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Attached please find a Transmittal and Response to Final Official Action in the above-captioned matter. Entry of the Response is requested. No fee is believed due herefor, but if one is due, per the Response Transmittal, the Office is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Thank you,

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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Official Action mailed January 20, 2004.
2. Small Entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status.
 Other than a Small Entity.

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	11	MINUS	20		x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$0
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3		x \$43	\$0	x \$86	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+\$145	\$0	+\$290	\$0
TOTALS				TOTAL FEE	\$0	TOTAL FEE	\$0	

- If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid for" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

— No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$0.00.

— Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) — Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension (months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00
four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

Extension fee due with this request \$0.00.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

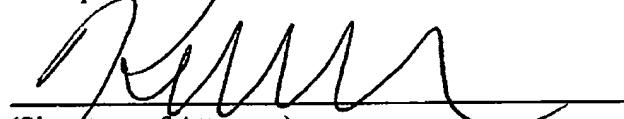
An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$____.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

This is in response to the Final Official Action mailed April 20, 2004. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.